

MODULE 5

Class Title: *Du'a Rabbana Aatina Fidduniya Hasanah* – part 3 - *Jannah* Part 2

(3rd part of a 4 lesson series)

Aim Of Lesson: To get inspired by the description of Jannah given in the Qur'an and ahadith

Category: Scripture/aqeedah

Class Format: Power point presentation, discussion & narration

(**Note to teacher:** some slides in the power point presentation are hidden, as they were not used for this session. They have not been deleted as you may want to use them for your class.)

Greeting to students) Assalam alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh
(Ta'awwudh) Aoodhubillahi min AsShaytanir Rajeem
(Tasmiyah) Bismillahir Rahmanir Raheem
(Du'a) Rabbish rahli sadri wayassirli amri wahlul uqdatum mil lisani yaf qahu
qawli(Surah At Ta-Ha 20: Verse 25-28)

How many of you were present the week before last? Now, what were doing, what series are we following?

Student: *Du'a*.

Teacher: What *du'a*?

Student: *Rabbana aatina fid dunya...*

Rabbana aatina and what were the three parts of this *du'a*?

Student: *Fid dunya hasanah, wa fil akhirah hasanah, wa qina aadhaban nar*

Teacher: Yeah, *fid dunya, fil akhirah* and *wa qina a'dhaban naar* and what were we on? *Fid dunya*, no?

Student: *Fil akhirah*.

We were talking about *akhirah*, we were talking about *Jannah*, and we have done half of it and half of it we'll try and cover today. Alright, who's going to give me a quick recap of what we did in the *Jannah* class?

Student: We talked about scents and markets.

Student: And we can change our faces.

Student: Like the trees will bow down, you think about it and the trees with fruits will bow down to you.

Teacher: And we would have anything to eat, it could be chicken, it could be fruit, whatever we desire we're going to get that. Alright, and we had made a list of things, what was that list? what was that list about? You remember making that list in the first class?

Student: Things that we desire.

Teacher: So if there is any place where we are going to get all those things that would be *Jannah*.

Slides 1-2:

Now today *InshaAllah* we are going to continue with our description of *Jannah* and I would like to talk about the human beauty in *jannah*. Human beauty is something that is desired by everyone. Do you know about anyone who says that, 'I really don't care about human beauty' No, this is something that is desired by most of us, majority of us!

Slide 3 :

Having said that, not everyone is beautiful and there are times that a person would have money, wealth, fame, everything but then he is lonely because he does not have good looks. It does happen in this world, in a lot of cases. You are absolutely lonely despite having the wealth, the position, the intelligence mainly because you don't have the looks. Unfortunately there are certain such cases.

Slide 4:

Now as far as our faces are concerned, even if you are good looking it does not stay that way for very long, right. *Alhamdulillah* the stage that you are in, the ages that you have, you have got beautiful skin, very nice clear skin, majority of the time. You do have acne problem but most of the time the skin is very nice and fresh. But what do you think is going to happen after forty years?

Student: Wrinkles.

All of us are going to get wrinkles, lots of wrinkles and the skin will not stay the way we would want it to. There are a lot of creams that have come out but can anything stop the skin from grow old? NO.

Slides 5&6:

And at your age specially, you are very conscious of your looks, a very normal thing and usually we hate the acne problem, we dislike it. The other day I had to take one of my daughters to a dermatologist for something and I saw girls coming in with acne problem, and they were like, 'I have a spot here and a spot there' and you know, you just don't like...you just don't want to have any spots on your face!

There is a very interesting *hadith* that I would like to quote,

Slide 7:

'*Jannatis* will have hairless bodies, beardless and black eyed, their youth will not end nor will their clothes become old.' [Tirmidhi]

So the youth in *Jannah* is not going to end, that's one of the very nice things that we can actually relate to. There are a lot of good things that are going to happen in *Jannah* but this is something we can relate to. 'All the *Jannatis* are going to be of one age' and I'm going to talk about it later.

Slide 8:

Now in this world there are a lot of artificial means to bring about perfection in your looks. You can do a lot of make up and there's cosmetic surgery, lots of things, lots of thing. If you go on YouTube you could waste days on it, just watching all that's happening these days, but the thing is despite having all these procedures, it can't replace the natural beauty.

You must have seen some people who have almost perfect skin and perfect features and you say, 'My god, look at her!' you just keep staring at that person, it does happen. And if you would look at a person who has done a lot to her, you just can't compare the two of them. You know natural beauty is not something that you can buy, right. But in *Jannah* Allah (swt) promises good looks, and whatever.

Slide 9:

Now, being pretty and modest! These two things go together so well... it's a beautiful combination, having nice looks and modesty.

Slide 10:

Unfortunately these 'come hither' looks that we get to see all the time around us, are not really attractive enough for men. It's very convenient, but it's not appealing, it's not really appealing for them, they wouldn't want to have them as their wives, for sure, right. But in

Jannah Allah (swt) is going to; He knows the *fithrah*, the nature of a human being, the guys as well as the girls. So He'll make sure that we're perfect for them and they are perfect for us.

Slide 11:

Would u call letting a male tailor measuring your waist , modesty?

This does make us feel uncomfortable doesn't it ?

But modesty in true meaning will be found in the inmates of jannah

Slide 12:

Allah in Quran also talks about the sweet nature of women of Jannah:

“In them are sweet, lovely maidens.”

(Surah Ar Rahman:70)

Slide 13:

Lets now talk abt the clothing in jannah

Slide 14:

Everyone likes to wear fine clothing. But no matter how fine clothing is in the world, there will always be some imperfection. In time all clothing becomes old, wrinkled, soiled, its color fades and the wearer loses the pleasure he had when he first wore it.

Slide 15:

They wear green garments of fine silk and rich brocade...

(Surah Al Insan:21)

Slide 16:

Sea coast with their clean air and open space and often near water, these give people a sense of wellbeing and happiness.

Slide 17:

Places far from natural beauty where there is no sunshine and fresh air do not appeal to human beings. This doesn't appeal to us.

Slide 18:

Talking about natural beauty lets see how the trees in jannah would be like.

Slide 19:

We enjoy being in places where trees grow.

Slide 20:

In the Garden there is a tree under whose shade a rider could travel for a thousand years without covering (the distance) completely. [Muslim]

Slide 21:

In Quran Allah describes shade as a blessing:

They and their wives reclining on couches in the shades (Surah Ya sin: Verse 56)

Slides 22-23:

Now coming back to food. There are a lot of verses in the Qur'an where Allah (swt) talks about rivers of milk and honey and wine, right. Allah (swt) says:

مَثَلُ الْجَنَّةِ الَّتِي وُعدَ الْمُتَّقُونَ فِيهَا أَنْهَارٌ مِّنْ مَّاءٍ غَيْرِ آسِنٍ وَأَنْهَارٌ مِّنْ لَّبَنٍ لَّمْ يَتَغَيَّرَ طَعْمُهُ وَأَنْهَارٌ مِّنْ خَمْرٍ لَّذَّةٍ لِلشَّارِبِينَ وَأَنْهَارٌ مِّنْ عَسَلٍ مُّصَفًّى وَلَهُمْ فِيهَا مِن كُلِّ الثَّمَرَاتِ وَمَغْفِرَةٌ مِّن رَّبِّهِمْ كَمَنْ هُوَ خَالِدٌ فِي النَّارِ وَسُقُوا مَاءً حَمِيمًا فَقَطَّعَ أَمْعَاءُهُمْ

‘there will be rivers of milk, honey and wine in *Jannah*’
(Surah Muhammad: Verse 15)

I’m sure a lot of you would say here that ‘I’m not fond of milk; it’s not very appealing to me... the concept of milk and honey and wine; and wine it’s a yucky thing. Why would I want to do something, or sacrifice my worldly desires just to have milk, or see rivers of milk and honey and wine?’ but the thing is again we have to understand and I’m going to talk about it later also, that when Allah (swt) talks about milk; what comes to our minds?

Student: Pure.

The purity, yes, but the point that I’m trying to make here is that when Allah (swt) says ‘milk’ there are a lot of things we love which are made of milk. So why does that ‘*Olpers dabba*’ come in our mind? Why not the things that are made out of milk, we have to let our imagination grow. Rivers of milk, it could be in any form, the flavour could be of any form, for example all the milk products that we absolutely love, why doesn’t that come to our mind.

Allah (swt) is not going to disappoint us in *jannah*. You’re not going to say, ‘Oh my god I hate this!’ that’s not going to happen. So either we’re going to love the taste of whatever drink we get there. See the thing is we are going to recognize a lot of things in *jannah* but the flavour and the taste of these things is going to be incredibly beautiful.

The taste is going to be very appealing for us, right. Therefore don’t go on the words, **just on the words** that we come to know through the verses and the *hadith*, right. So you can actually imagine; I don’t know, what is your favourite dessert made out of milk?

Student: Ice cream.

Student: Chocolate Mousse

Student: Chocolates.

Think about these things.

Student: When you said that it could be other things I thought of a river of chocolate milk.

A river of chocolate milk, yes. So rather than being negative and skeptical of the things we come to know through the Qur'an we've got to have faith in Allah (swt) that whatever He's going to offer us is *Jannah* is going to be absolutely appealing.

Slide 24:

And we must avoid making a mistake of interpreting *Jannah* from a narrow viewpoint, that's what we need to understand. Our viewpoint in this world is extremely narrow, extreme narrow.

Slide 25:

For e.g. the wine of *Jannah* is definitely not like the one on earth.

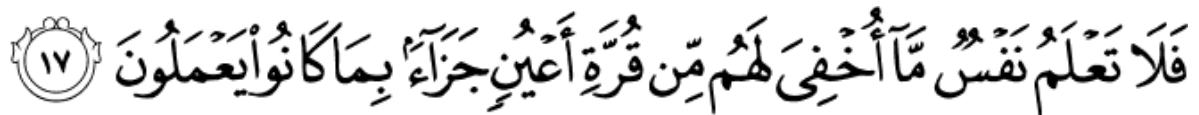
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Slide 27:

Apart from the things Allah has told us about *Jannah*

We have no idea of what surprises have been prepared for the people of *Jannah*.



And no soul knows what has been hidden for them of comfort for eyes as reward for what they used to do. (Al Inan: Verse 17)

Slide 28:

Landscape of *Jannah*

Slide 29:

To obtain one kg of saffron between 70 thousand to 250 thousand flowers must be picked. More over this plant takes 3-4 years to harvest saffron.

Slide 30:

Saffron will cover the whole landscape of *Jannah*. Imagine in *Jannah* this would cover the whole landscape shows that the blessings there will be beyond reckoning.

Hadith in tirmidhi :it is built of one brick of gold and one brick of silver, its mortar is of strongly scented musk, its stones are pearls and emeralds and its soil is saffron.

Slide 31:

Prophet Muhammad (sal Allahu alaihi wa sallam) said that a caller will call out in Paradise when people enter it: “Indeed may you be healthy and never be sick again, may you live and never die again, may you be young and never grow feeble again, may you enjoy, and never feel sorrow and regret again.” [Sahih Muslim]

Slide 32:

The thirties are the best time when the personality matures and facial features, and the manner of speaking becomes established. This is the age that is stated in ahadith of Jannatis.

“The people of Paradise will enter Paradise hairless, beardless with their eyes anointed with kohl, aged thirty or thirty-three years.” al-Tirmidhi

Slide 33:

Age difference leads to lack of communication. People often form groups of persons of the same age to feel more relaxed among themselves

In jannah everybody will be young and of the same age.

And then of course, we like to have good company but we don't find people of our own ages all the time. If your mom takes you somewhere and you even like going there but you say, ‘Aww there is nobody of my age’ or you're sitting at home and you say ‘I want to have somebody of my age, I can only enjoy then’.

That's a very normal thing for a person to desire, having people of your own age, right. And in *Jannah*, the best thing is that everyone is going to be young, EVERYONE will be young. Your parents, your *dadi* (paternal grandmother), your great grandfather, your great grandmother, your *khala* (maternal aunt), your *phupoo* (paternal aunt), your children, everyone one age.

So as *Jannatis* you will not have this problem where you need to go and look for ‘my age group’ people. No! We won't have to respect anyone in that manner and you can be yourself in whatever way you want. As for other people... usually what's the advantage of having people of the same age?

Student: Same mindset.

Yes, your mindset is the same, the frequency matches, right. So all the *jannatis* around you will be of the same age group, think how much of fun you're going to have.

Slides 34-37:

Then of course there are so many things that you crave to do. I don't know about you but I'm a thrill seeker! And I have a lot of dreams and desires and I just keep telling myself that I'm going to do it in *Jannah*. I couldn't manage it now especially after covering. I always had this dream of taking a bungee jump and I procrastinated on it I couldn't do it till the time I decided to cover myself up, I could have done it before that, but...

Student: You can still do it now.

I can, but I wouldn't want to, I don't want to be displayed in my *abaya* and scarf all covered up going for a bungee jump, I don't think it's appropriate for somebody whose like properly covered up, besides the risk of being exposed. You know, I'm going to be all tied up and since I cover my face, I have to make sure that nothing gets exposed. Then with so many people watching, I don't want to become a spectacle.

Sky diving is something I would like to do and skiing, and there were a lot of things that I used to do before and I cannot manage now. Well I still manage a lot, I mean a group of friends when we go to the beach we make sure that with our *abaya* and scarves we're in the water up till here. And we swim and we have good fun. So if you're a thrill seeker, you'll always remain a thrill seeker.

Anyways the point I'm trying to make is, there will be a lot of things that you like to do but something stops you. Maybe not just covering yourself up maybe something else, like there are certain sports that are very dangerous, like you know driving fast cars, I love driving fast cars but I wouldn't because I have three kids and a husband, and I don't want to take any chances on that. Then of course there's deep sea diving that is very thrilling, I find it very appealing, skiing on mountain slopes is something very nice, but the thing is that something stops you. Either you're too scared, it's not that just *abaya* and scarf would stop you, it could be anything. It could be just the fear of actually doing it, the fear of getting hurt but you can do practically anything that you want in *jannah*. If you're a thrill seeker, Allah (swt) will give you ample opportunities to try out whatever you want to!

Slide 38:

There are times when we want to learn certain talents, right. Perhaps one of you might feel like you know, 'I would really like to learn how to play a musical instrument' but then of course I would not encourage that at all because that is something that is not allowed in Islam. Or it could be any other talent, like painting, which you cannot because of your busy schedule and exams so you cannot take out time. But in *Jannah*, you can fulfill any unfulfilled desire and this is like Allah (swt) giving you a whole thing to your own self; you decide, you make your own list, right.

Slide 39:

And then, nothing that they wish to see is withheld from their eyes. Everything has been created in *Jannah* according to what people would desire. That's the punch line of this concept of *Jannah*; you'll get whatever you desire.

But what we need to understand is that Allah (swt) gives so much of detail of *Jannah*, Allah (swt) could have very easily said 'OK you'll get whatever you desire.' He didn't, He gave details through *hadith* and Qur'an, why did He do that?

Slide 40:

For us to that we have it all waiting for us!

We must understand that this world is like a windowless house for us, as far as the concept of *Jannah* is concerned. It's like having a person in a windowless house, right.

And he has absolutely no idea of the things that are outside the house, he has never seen a tree, he has never seen the sun, the moon, right. And if you have to explain to that person, how would you do that? How would you do that? Lets say he's got a couple of things in the house, lets say, a ball, a chair, a table, a pen, right. Now if you have to explain something that he has never ever seen, what will be your approach?

Let's say if I ask you to explain to this person the concept of the sun, how beautiful the sun is, how would you go about it?

Student: Start by using the ball.

Yes, that's what Allah (swt) does in the Qur'an and *hadith*, then some skeptical people say, 'oh what's the big deal, the sun is like a ball, what's the big deal?'

What we don't understand is that it is just a small 'simile' which Allah (swt) is giving, keeping in mind the limitations of our imaginations, right. Whereas our eyes will see everything in *Jannah*. They're going to just open up to everything in *Jannah*. So whatever effort Allah (swt) wants us to make here in this world is to understand *Jannah* from our narrow point of view, rather than being skeptical about it, that's the whole idea.

Slide 41:

If a believer desires a child in *Jannah*, its gestation and birth will be one hour, as he desires (tirmidhi)

Slide 42:

Then there is *hadith* that, ‘whoever enters *Jannah* will be in bliss and will suffer no distress.’
[Muslim]

Slide 43:

Now again this covers up everything, you’re going to be in bliss and no distress, right. There is another *hadith* that, ‘there will be no disagreement and any hatred amongst them.’
[Muslim]

There can be some kind of a disagreement amongst us human beings here and you might be right and I might be right. But if both of them enter *Jannah* there won’t be any hatred, no disagreement. Their heart will be as one.

Slide 44:

Alright, now there is in *Surah Kahaf* a very important verse,

خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا لَا يَبْغُونَ عَنْهَا حِوَلًا

‘those who have *emaan* will remain in them timeless for ever with no desire to move away from them’

(Surah Al Kahf: Verse 108)

Slide 45:

Now Allah (swt) is talking about *Jannah* and this word ‘forever’ confuses us a lot and we say ‘umm forever... I’ll surely get bored then.’ Because anything that happens forever, we hate it, we get bored; we don’t want a monotonous life. Well the good news is that there isn’t any word such as ‘bored’ or ‘getting bored’ in the dictionary of *Jannah*. No ill feelings, so how can you get...you are NOT going to get bored.

Our personalities and our likes and dislikes and our preferences are also going to change a little bit and we’re not going to have any negative feelings and boredom is definitely a negative feeling. Being tired or being bored or being restless or feeling down, these are not the feelings that we are going to find in *Jannah*.

Slide 46:

Alright, whether we are aware of it or not, we are waiting for the blessing of *Jannah*. So this is something that we need to understand that considering our personality and the way Allah

(swt) has made us, the concept of *Jannah* is actually very appealing. Do you agree with me? It is very appealing! All we have to do is accept it, we have to accept it, yes, this is a very appealing concept and we need not show any resistance to it.

Slide 47:

In Surah Az Zukhruf Allah (swt) says that,

يُطَافُ عَلَيْهِمْ بِصِحَافٍ مِّنْ ذَهَبٍ وَأَكْوَابٍ وَفِيهَا مِمَّا تَشْتَهُيهِ الْأَنفُسُ وَتَلَذُّ الْأَعْيُنُ وَأَنتُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ

Circulated among them will be plates and vessels of gold. And therein is whatever the souls desire and [what] delights the eyes, and you will abide therein eternally.

(Surah Az Zukhruf: Verse 71)

Now this is a very important verse, Allah (swt) says you will find there all that your hearts desire. Now we have a lot of desires here in this world which sometimes, in fact realistically speaking, most of the time they don't come true, right.

Slide 48:

And you may think 'All of my heart's desires? That could be a very long list!' Yes anything that you desire, so let's plan for our *Jannah*. How would you? Imagine an angel sitting here in this room right now, and he says 'Alright, you can just ask for anything and I'm going to write it down and I'm going to make sure that you get everything there in *Jannah* provided...'

Student: We get there!

Slides 49-52:

You get there..... He says, 'you just make a list' right. The concept of a Santa Claus, even he has a lot of limitations, but here there is no limit at all. You can ask for, 'I hate taking mom's permission for everything' you don't have to do that in *Jannah*. You want her to become really, really cool; this is the type of mum you're going to get there.

And then no more studying, yes, no more studying.

Slides 53-54:

Student: I want to eat as much as I want and still fit into that – got it!

Teacher: What else?

No more *abaya* and scarves, that's another thing that you're going to get there, and this is for people who cover here.

Student: There will be other male *Jannatis* there and it doesn't really matter right?

Teacher: It doesn't really matter, see, there are many rules that are for this world only. Over there we won't have to cover ourselves up, it's going to be a free zone and we're going to dress up and get decked up as much as we want to and look as pretty as we want to, but for that, we need to give a small sacrifice here in this world. And only those people who sacrifice this desire to look absolutely stunning and beautiful all the time in front of everyone, only they get to go there. It's as simple as that, right.

Slides 55-56:

And then you can win every time in *Jannah* and be called '*Miss Jannah*' yes. So it's not that there'll be just one '*Miss Jannah*'; you'll get that thrill that you're '*Miss Jannah*' and I'm going to get thrilled that I'm '*Miss Jannah*'. Just imagine!

Have you seen these girls who win a beauty pageant? their faces are full of excitement as if like this is it, nothing can be a bigger pleasure than this. So can you imagine, all of us going through that all the time and not getting bored of it.

And then if you want to just chat with your friends, you can do so the whole day, nobody to come and tell you, 'Hey put down the phone, get back to your studies, you're wasting away your time'. No, you can do whatever. And remember everyone around you will be of one age and you will have the cell phone and you can sit and chat the whole day or the whole year and nobody will come and say, 'Go to bed now'.

Slides 57-58:

The first thing that I would like to do, is sing and dance... something that we cannot do here, right, music is not allowed. But then over there you can do whatever you want to, if you feel that you're missing out on all the fun the other girls are having, doesn't matter, because you're going to have that fun in your life forever.

They're going to have it just for a few years, that's about all. But we are talking about **forever**. And you know when they go for these parties there are so many upsetting things that happen, unpleasant things that happen over there, you have a fight with your friends, you become jealous of somebody, something goes wrong, you sit with them and hear their stories and you say, 'yeah It's not as great as they talk about, it's not really perfect, perfect.' But there you will get everything these girls are doing plus a lot more.

Slides 59:

Then maybe if you want to go for a concert, Allah (swt) will arrange a special concert for you. There will be theaters in *Jannah* and you can just sit and watch movies the whole day if you want to.....anything. And if you go to the theater here, you don't know whose sitting next to you and could be chewing *paan* for all we know and you're like, 'I wish somebody decent was sitting next to me'.

But here I must tell you that we will not feel like doing things that are sinful here in this world. Like you won't kill and hurt people. so every act will have a halal factor attached to it. How Allah (swt) does it, we don't know. All we need to know is that we will get to do whatever our hearts will wish for.

Slide 60:

There you can have a theater to yourself and call your friends over and it's going to be your thing. No permission from mom, so can you imagine when Allah (swt) says 'you can have whatever you desire' we're talking about a lot of things, a lot of things.

Slide 61:

What about theme parks, of course, you can have a theme park just for yourself where you can make the roller coaster yourself and take a jump from the mountains and not break a bone, so whatever you want to do...

Slides 62-63:

So in a nutshell, what are we talking about?

What we are saying is, what Allah (swt) says in *Surah Qaaf*,

لَهُمْ مَا يَشَاءُونَ فِيهَا وَلَدَيْنَا مَزِيدٌ

'They will have there everything they want and with Us there is still more.'

(Suraf Qaaf: verse 35)

Very powerful verse, think about it, everything that you and I think of, is going to be there in *Jannah* and then Allah (swt) says that there is going to be still more, still more, you have no idea the things that excite you, **I** do, **I** made you, **I** created you, so **I** have kept everything in reserve for you.

And then what happens.... don't we just love surprises? I mean, if somebody would ask me what I wanted. I'd say, 'I prefer having a surprise, I don't want to know what I have in that wrapped parcel, I want to open it up and be surprised'. And Allah (swt) is giving me that

element of surprise, He's saying there's a lot more especially for you.... and it's going to give you great thrill!

There is a price for *Jannah* and we have to pay the price no matter how difficult we find it and most of us, we do find it difficult but if we keep our focal point as *Jannah*, if your focal point in life is *Jannah* then there is nothing that can stop you from pleasing Allah (swt). It's absolutely peanuts what we need to do to go there... it's absolutely peanuts, think about it.

Slide 64:

There is no place in the Hereafter other than *Jannah* or 'The Fire'. If you fail to qualify for *Jannah* there isn't anything for people who were half-and-half. Finally it's either *Jannah*, or The Fire!

Student: What if you believe in Allah (swt) and basically you're a Muslim and believe in the prophets and everything and you have little more bad deeds than you have good deeds and initially you do go in to Hell Fire, and you fulfill those deeds, do you still go to *Jannah*?

Teacher: Yes, that is going to happen, but that's going to happen **later**. And later does not mean after a month, or after a year or after a decade. We don't know that. What Allah (swt) says is that once you've served the punishment and it's going to be like, it's not going to be like the days here that its morning and after a little while, it's evening, or it's January and after a few months it's December and you say where did the time fly.

It's not going to happen like that. Its' going to be a **very long period** and it's going to be **very, very painful**, right. And we don't know, we'll keep waiting and waiting and waiting and you would not know if you're eventually going to go in *Jannah* or not.

Next week *InshaAllah* when we talk about Hell, how painful it's going to be, how excruciating it's going to be, none of us would want to take that chance, no wise person would want to take that chance – that eventually I'll come out. That's totally daft!

Slide 87:

Allah (swt) say in the Qur'an

وَلَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ وَنَعْلَمُ مَا تُوَسْوِسُ بِهِ نَفْسُهُ وَنَحْنُ أَقْرَبُ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ حَبْلِ الْوَرِيدِ

And indeed We have created man, and We know whatever thoughts his inner self develops, and We are closer to him than (his) jugular vein, [50-16]

So He knows, He knows what's going on in your mind and your hearts and He knows how much of craving you have for *Jannah* and since He knows everything, ask Allah (swt) to help

you out here, right. Because to change your lifestyle you need Allah (swt)'s help, you can't do it all alone, we're not strong enough, right.

Shaytaan and people who follow *shaytaan* will come and stop you from doing what Allah (swt) wants you to do. So you must always pray to Allah (swt) 'Allah I really, really want to qualify for *Jannah*, I can't do it on my own, I will put in my best.' And you can't just sit and pray by the way, you just can't say, 'I'm praying to Allah (swt) and one day He's going to listen to my prayers'.

No, you have to put in all your efforts and also keep asking for Allah (swt)'s help.

Slide 66:

And there is a *hadith* that the highest degree of *jannah* is *firdaus*

...if you ask Allah for anything, ask Him for the *firdaus*, for it is the last part of Paradise and the highest part of Paradise, and at its top there is the Throne of Beneficent, and from it gush forth the rivers of Paradise."

Bukhari (Book #93, Hadith #519)

All of us must pray for *Jannat-ul-Firdaus* and we must try and excel in our deeds to try and qualify for *Jannat-ul-Firdaus*

Slide 67:

The Messenger (saw) said, "When the inhabitants of Paradise enter Paradise, Allah will say to them, 'Do you want Me to give you anything more?' They will reply, 'Have You not made our faces bright? Have You not brought us into Paradise and moved us from Hell?' Allah will then remove the Veil and they will feel that they have not been awarded anything dearer to them than looking at their Lord."

[Sahih Muslim]

Slide 68:

Now, what are the *qualities of Jannatis*, we need to assess ourselves and see:

According to a scholar

- *Jannatis* in this world want to please Allah (swt) in everything they think, say and do. Ask yourselves do I qualify for *Jannah*?
- They act out of fear and respect for Allah (swt), ask yourself.
- They fight the temptations of *shaytaan*, and believers long for *Jannah* and are always in a state of excitement.

Slides 69-70:

These are the qualities of *Jannatis* and all of us can assess ourselves to see if I am really working towards *Jannah* or not. It is very important for us to realize that the next life will come at any second, right.

And the example of it is just as we have a surprise test. What happens when you go to school and all of a sudden your teacher says that you've got a surprise test? Are we actually prepared for that surprise test? What if my life ends tomorrow, am I really prepared for it? Will I be able to stand in front of Allah (swt) and say, 'Allah, you know what... I didn't know I was dying, had I known I would have done all these things very fast.' No, that's the catch; we don't know when our lives are going to end!

As for *shaytaan* what he does is, he shows us how to be content with the imperfect blessings of this world, that's what *shaytaan* does, he keeps telling us, 'Ooh there is still time, let me just finish with my exams, let me just do this and let me just do that and then I'll start working for this *Jannah*'. No!

Slide 71:

We must all fear the possibility of going to the Hell Fire, we must... And we have to prepare ourselves to attain the blessings of *jannah* because everyone sitting here either they are going in *Jannah* or we're going in Hell Fire. It's one out of the two, so it's like a very serious thing for us to think about and start working towards it.

The Prophet ﷺ (peace be upon him) said: "No one of you will be saved because of his deeds." They (the Companions) said: "Not even you, O Messenger of Allah?" He said: "Not even me, unless Allah bestows mercy upon me," (Bukhari).

Paradise is so magnificent that we can only enter it if Allah (swt) drowns us in His Mercy.

Slide 72:

So coming to the *du'a* that we're doing...

'Rabbana aatina fiddunya hasanah, wa fil akhirati hasanah'

And now the last part is left, ***'wa qina a'dhab an naar'***.

InshaAllah we're going to talk about it next week, which is going to be our last class of this term.

(Du'a for end of a gathering) *Subhana RabbikaRabbul Izzati 'amma yasifun wa salamun 'alalmursaleen, walhamdulillahiRabbil 'alameen*

(Parting salutation to students) *Assalam alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh*

Description of Jannah is mentioned in the following verses of the Qur'an

- 1.Surah Al Imran ,3:133
2. Surah Al a'raf, 7:42-44
- 3.Surah Yunus ,10:9-10
- 4.Surah Ra'd, 13:22-24
- 5.Surah Al Hjr ,15:45-48
- 6.Surah an Nahl, 16:30-32
- 7.Al Furqan, 25:15-16
- 8.Surah Al Ahzaab, 33:44